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On another page is given the news item concerning the application of Walter A. Gray for a pardon, and the history of the crime to which he pleaded guilty, as the story was told by the Estancia News at the time. From information at hand, it appears that Gray has been in charge of the Knitting machines at the Penitentiary, and has worked according to instructions of Mrs. Levi Hughes. Evidently he has at the same time worked upon her sympathies, and has in turn secured her aid in an attempt to secure his release. It is such things as this that make "mob law" and "mob rule" not only possibly but effective. If people were sure when a criminal is sent up for a number of years, that he would really serve out his term, resort to mob law would be less frequent. But a passionate brute can slay his victim, even one of his own flesh and blood, nursing himself for the deed by securing the whiskey beforehand, and then be pardoned within a few short years to repeat his viciousness. If murder committed in such brutality is to be condoned by the releasing of the criminal within so short a time after having been sentenced to serve "not less than seventy-five years," why go to the expense of a trial at all? Why not just let the criminal go Scott Free in the first place?

There is one paper or magazine that we should like to see in every home where there are boys and girls—and even boys and girls of riper years may benefit by the reading thereof. That is the Youth's Companion. With almost a century of years behind it, since its first publication, it is still bright and new. The pages are replete with stories of the higher order—real stories of boys and girls, and men and women, from real life. Of editorial comment on happenings that are of interest to all; of comment on the happenings of today; incidents and tales gathered from everywhere—all tending to awaken more noble thoughts and higher aspirations. The comments on the war during the recent months have been worth more than the price of the year's subscription. Through the dailies, we have read of the actual occurrences, but in the hurry of gathering and preparing the news for publication, no time is taken nor can be taken for the explanation of what the advances of the allied armies really meant to the world. In the Companion a column has been given to the Great War, which not only told of the actual facts, but what these facts meant toward the Freedom of the Human Race or its future enslavement. The price of the Companion is \$2.00 per year—which considering the high cost of everything entering the publication of a weekly magazine, is extremely low. The best Christmas present you can give your children this year is a year's subscription to the Youth's Companion.

## THANKSGIVING

Today has been proclaimed by both our president and our Governor as a special day of Thanksgiving, and in both proclamations attention is called to the fact that our nation has great cause for gratitude. Never in the history of the world since the night when the angels sang hallelujahs that the Prince of Peace had come, has there been such cause for genuine giving of thanks. There have been great victories both on land and on sea heretofore, but never a victory which means so much to not only our land, but to the nations of the world as the victory over despotism, the victory over absolutism, the victory over Hanism. It is not our victory, nor the allies', it is the victory of Jehovah. It is a victory of right over wrong, of liberty and brotherly love over greed and selfishness; of the Christ-spirit over the powers of Satan and his followers. As never before, we can say "God's in His Heaven."

All's right with the world." The hand of Jehovah has been seen not only throughout the war, but even before any of us thought that there was any possibility of our being drawn into the conflict. When Woodrow Wilson was nominated for the presidency, statesmen ridiculed the idea that a college professor would ever make a strong and efficient president. Stump-speakers shouted themselves hoarse against elevating such an one to the high position he sought. And yet, today, those very spellbinders are high in their praise of the President who has acted not in haste, but after mature deliberation, and who has brought wonderful things to pass, through the co-operation of a united people. Can anyone doubt that the elevation of President Wilson to the presidency was any less the work of Jehovah

than the selection of Abraham Lincoln to lead the hosts in his day in their fight for the liberty of mankind? Just as surely as God led the children of Israel, just so surely has he led the allied hosts, and He has caused "even the wrath of man to praise Him." Let us today publicly express our gratitude.

Even in our thanksgiving there must be sadness, because of the vacant places in our midst—places that will never again be filled. But even here is cause for thanksgiving. Suppose, instead of the Kaiser sneaking off like a whipped cur, seeking only his own safety, the hosts which he commanded (always from places of safety to himself), had been victorious, and our boys—our brothers and loved ones—had died in vain! What then would have been this Thanksgiving Day? But these have not died in vain—they have given their lives, not lost them, that others might live in Liberty and Freedom. Therefore should we rejoice, even amidst the sadness caused by vacant chairs.

## DOWN TO BUSINESS

Now, that we are due to have pre-war conditions in the near future, we must not overlook the necessity of boosting our section. New lands are going to be sought and we must get our share of the home-seekers.

The underfed and half starved nations of the old world will draw the bulk of their food supplies from the United States, and we now have an open and unrestricted market to all parts of the world.

Business prospects were never brighter.

We are justified in inviting our friends in Oklahoma, Texas and other states to come amongst us. If you will compare our crop failures with those in other parts of the country, you will find, not only that they do not have the "edge" on us in that respect, but that the risk and capital invested in farming enterprises there is a number of times greater than here. There are few countries that offer such opportunities to the man of small capital as does this. It is also true that where small capital can be increased, large capital can be proportionately increased.

There has been built in Mountainair within the past year (during war times) fifteen houses; most of them good, substantial residences, and with the start that we now have, we should become equal in importance to any town or city in New Mexico. Let us all pull together, and it will be a comparatively short time before our holdings will have enhanced in value, before we have water-works, electric lights, phone system, hotel, side-walks, and such other conveniences as we should have.

Geologists think we will have an oil field at our doors, and—take it all in all—our wonderful climate, and everything, we have a pretty good place in which to live, raise our families and to prosper.

## LET US GIVE THANKS.

The days are so full of pleasure.  
The nights so bright with cheer,  
Thou hast heaped so high the measure

Of life in the passing year,  
That, Master and Lord, we bless thee,  
And bring thee thankful praise;  
Our reverent lips address thee

At this parting of the ways.

Many a time, and often,

Thou hast pardoned our foolish pride

Hast tarried our griefs to soften,

Hast our selfish prayers denied.

The kinsman and the stranger

Alike have known thy grace,

And the sword of the unseen danger

Has fled before thy face

Many a time thy vision,

Clear in the light of love,

Hath aided our slow decision,

And pointed our eyes above.

Thy hand hath poured the chalice,

And broken the daily bread,

Till the hut has been as the palace,

And as princes we have fed.

From the gins and traps of error

Thou hast turned our feet away—

Hast saved our hearts from the terror

Of the unbegotten day.

Our lot in thy land has ever

In fairest ground been cast:

Thou hast left us lonely never,

Though our dear ones hence have passed.

For into thine own sweet heaven,

Home of their souls and ours,

They have entered, sin-forgiven;

To praise with fuller powers;

And therefore now we praise thee,

With all who have gone before.

The endless hymn we raise thee,

And bless thee, and adore.

And still thou art always with us,

Even unto the end;

Thyself, our strength, art with us,

Ever our guide and friend.

How can the life be dreary

In the sun of thy ceaseless care,

Or the path be aught but cheery,

When thou art everywhere?

Margaret E. Sangster.

Some of our farmers have decided to grow more feed stuff and a smaller acreage of beans another year. They are wise. There is no reason why a single car of hay or roughage for stock should be shipped into Mountainair. The excuse is that the farmers do not plant enough corn, cane,

son. millet and milo, but there is no reason.

For Sale:—A 1½ H. P. Air-cooled Gasoline Engine. In good order. Can be seen running any day at Independent office. Will do the work of a 10-foot windmill. Need larger size. Call at this office.

Wanted:—Hogs, Chickens and Turkeys. Will pay good prices. See W. T. Farmer, at City Meat Market, Mountainair, N. M. 11-28-1f

For Sale:—Relinquishment of 320 acres; 17 miles from Mountainair, on Rural Route; 30 a. in cultivation; 80 a. fenced; 2-room house and 2 cisterns. See J. L. Morris. 11-28-3tp

Strayed:—One large bay mare, 12 years old, hind feet and left fore foot white, white snip on nose; also one bay horse colt, 6 months old, hind feet white. Both branded C on left jaw. \$5.00 reward for return or corraling until called for. Notify A. J. Northcott, 3 miles east of Mountainair. 10-24-2t

For Sale:—Pure bred Poland China Pigs. See R. Sellers. 11-7-1f

Strayed:—Span young mules, one mouse-colored; one black, (has wire scratch on left shoulder), 5 years old. Will pay ten dollars reward to anyone bringing them in. Gus Anderson, Mountainair, N. M. 11-7-13tp

For Sale:—Ford Touring Car in good condition. Ray King, Ranger Station, 1 mile west of Mountainair. 11-21-3tp

Strayed:—Since October 26, one dark horse, weight about 1000 pounds, quite old. Spanish brand on left shoulder. Reward of \$10.00 to anyone bringing it to my house. Severo Chavez y Romero, Mesteno. 11-7-3tp

For Sale:—Cattle and horses; 2 stores; implements and plenty of water on land. Frank Schultiz, old Cooper place, Mountainair.

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3 LINES  
TIMES  
DIMES

A few lines in this column will reach more people than you can see in a month. If you have anything to sell, trade or give away, tell your neighbors about it through this column. If you want to buy, you may find that one of your neighbors wants to sell that very thing. The cost is small compared to results.

For Rent:—160 acres north town, Good House and barn, 90 acres cultivated this year. Mrs. Mary L. Corbett. 11-21-1p

For Sale:—Alfalfa \$30 per ton; Prairie hay \$22.50 per ton, or 50c per bale. Inboden's Livery Barn, or see W. T. Farmer. 11-21-1f

For Sale:—One Jersey heifer, now in milk. Price \$75.00. See Mrs. Emma Adcock, 7 miles southeast of Mountainair. 11-21-3tp

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